ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method to prevent the inadvertent disclosure of a password. A valid password input request results in a password entry screen being displayed to

5   a user that includes authentication indicia known to the user. Failure to see the authentication indicia causes the user to know that the request is a spoof. The invention may further include a method and system of limiting the applications that operate after a password input request is received. Only the applications necessary for inputting the password operate, as the other applications are set as inoperable

10 until the password has been input. This prevents a remote source from obtaining the password through fraudulent means such as a screen capture or trojan horse program.